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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 June 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
2. The drawings are objected to because the lines and reference numerals are not clear and sharp. In addition, Fig. 1 should be labeled -Prior Art- (see page 5, line 2). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
3. Applicant is kindly requested to place the figures on the sheets so that they may be easily viewed with the pages in a vertical orientation.
4. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. The abstract should be in narrative form. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure (not the claims) sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.
5. Claims 1-8 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - On line 10 of claim 1, the comma should be deleted after "second."
 - Claim 1 lacks antecedent basis for "the fact" on line 11.
 - Claim 5 lacks antecedent basis for "the base section" on line 5.
 - The use of an example, such as "e.g." in claim 6, is indefinite since it is unclear whether the phrase/section that follows is part of the claim limitations.
 - Claim 6 lacks antecedent basis for "the one hand side" on line 5 and "the other hand side" on line 6.
 - In claim 6 "L" should be deleted since reference numerals/letters are not used throughout the claims.

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- Claims 5-7 do not clearly describe a complete connector.
- Claim 8 lacks antecedent basis for “the fact” on line 15.
- On line 17 of claim 8, as understood by the examiner, it appears that “when” should be changed to -wherein- or something similar.

Appropriate correction is required.

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hansen.

In regard to claims 1-4 and 8, this connector comprises an insulating body, first contact elements 25, and a catching area with guide means 19. The perimeter of the guide means forms a rectangle. It operates as claimed. In regard to claim 3, the hole 20 is at a lower portion when the figure is rotated 90°. In regard to claim 4, the cutouts 10 are diametrically opposed and are “adapted to receive mounting means” as claimed. In regard to claim 8, the system further comprises a second insulating body with second contact elements (the transistor). The second contact elements are also seen to be guide means that are adapted to cooperate with the catching area.

In regard to claims 5 and 7, this connector comprises a second insulating body with second contact elements 25. The body comprises a base portion 9 from which a support section 8 projects. The base is further provided with guide pin holes 10.

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8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The connector of Navarrete, et al. comprises catching means similar to that of the present invention.

9. Any response to this action may be **mailed to:**

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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Renee Luebke whose telephone number is (571) 272-2009.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Paula Bradley, can be reached at (571) 272-2800, extension 33.



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